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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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In re Patent Application of: Eduardo Chi Sing et al.

Application No.: 10/557,333

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Art Unit: Not yet assigned

For: Improved System and Method for Facilitating  
Hemostasis with an Absorbable Sponge

Examiner: Not yet assigned

**RESPONSE TO NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements under 35 U.S.C. 371, Applicants respectfully submit a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney and a copy of the Notification.

Contrary to what is stated in the Notification, no indication of small entity status has been submitted in the present application. Instead, the data sheet submitted with the application clearly indicates that small entity status was not being claimed. Accordingly, to the extent any of the papers submitted in the application are construed as an indication of small entity status, applicants explicitly withdraw any such notice.

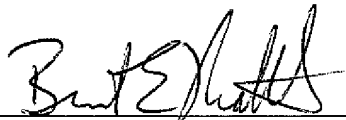
Furthermore, it appears that the Patent Office has applied the small entity fee schedule to this application, and therefore we are submitting additional fees. The present application is a national stage of an international application that designated the United States as the International Searching Authority. Accordingly, for a large entity, the Basic national filing fee is \$300, the Examination fee is \$200, and the Search fee is \$100 (since a Search fee was paid to the U.S.P.T.O. as the ISA). In addition, the excess claims fee (again, as a large entity) for 12 additional total claims and 4 additional independent claims is \$1,400. Only the Basic national fee of \$300 was submitted with the application papers on November 21, 2005, leaving the \$200 Examination fee, the \$100 Search fee, and the \$1,400 excess search fee to be paid. On November 13, 2006, however, Deposit Account No. 50-3629 was charged for

the \$700 for fees relating to this application, which would appear to be the small entity extra claims fees. Accordingly, we are submitting an additional \$700 for extra claims, \$200 for the Examination fee, and \$100 for the Search fee.

With this submission, an electronic fee payment in amount of \$1,130 covering the surcharge for large entity status, the examination fee, the search fee, and the fees for extra claims and extra independent claims was paid by credit card.

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Respectfully submitted,

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